

Regular Meeting of the Village Board

of the Village of Ellicottville via phone, February 16, 2021 at 6:00pm.

Attended:	John Burrell	Mayor
	Gary Palumbo	Planner
	Greg Cappelli	Trustee
	Ed Imhoff	Trustee
	Sean Lowes	Trustee
	Doug Bush	Trustee
	Mary Klahn	Clerk
	Richard Stanton	Attorney
	Mark Chudy	DPW Supervisor

Also attended: Mila Claus, Nancy Rogan, Tom George, Susan Dowd, David Tompkins, Sean Cornelious, Erin Cornelious, Tom Arunski, Shelby Toth, Christopher McKenna, Corey Auerbach, Mark Rivers, Muffet George, Lynn Lyzaro.

Call meeting to order at 6:00pm

Public hearing

A request to abandon the Village-owned alley between Adams Street and Madison Street (north of Washington Street and south of Elizabeth Street), and ultimately transfer ownership of the same to private person(s).

Letter from Erin Cornelius

Letter from Chris and Laura McKenna

First person to speak Is Erin Cornelius talked about her concerns. Happy about the purchase her concern is for the traffic entrance and exit. It will increase traffic flow on Adams Street. Shift the character of the neighborhood.

Tom George spoke who is the applicant. Came to the Planning board for new site plan to access from Adams Street. Reasons for an attached garage cause a turning problem. Improving the site without having a driveway from Elizabeth Street. Real desire is to access the property from the rear.

Sean Cornelius spoke about the contractor tearing the house down. Current homeowners and current residents are the concerns. Traffic issue concerns him. Changes what is already in place?

Chris McKenna spoke is opposed to changing the alleyway. Insurance there will not be a change in the neighborhood. Would change the character and the way the neighborhood functions.

Motion: to close the public hearing by Mr. Cappelli

Second: by Mr. Lowes All ayes. Carried

Vote will be held on the March 16th meeting.

Business from the floor

Lynn Lyzaro home owner property is used for Ellicottville enjoyment. Stated this new law is not convenient for visitors to take the can back from the street.

Erin Cornelius spoke as a full time resident. Stating this is an issue. Receptacles are necessary for the upkeep of the village. She would help her neighbors with their receptacles.

Gary Fosbrink from Mckinley Drive, had no problem with birds. Not happy about the containers. He thinks he should not be forced to use containers.

Glen Taylor at 3 Adams Street. Container is fine but what is he supposed to do if he has no one to take it back to his house.

Tom Arunski at 11 Elk states he has never had any issues with the trash. If he puts a plastic container on the curb the can will blow around on Sunday night what is an alternative.

Chriss McKenna spoke and appreciates but has a seasonal home and leaves on Sundays and not back until Friday. He feels like we need another option.

Approve minutes

Motion: by Mr. Bush to approve the minutes.

Second: by Mr. Imhoff All ayes. Carried

January 31, 2021 Financial Report

Motion: to approve the financial report by Mr. Imhoff

Second: by Mr. Bush All ayes. Carried

Audit of Claims

General: **\$51,033.49**

Sewer: **\$31,277.65**

Motion: by Mr. Imhoff to pay the bills.

Second: by Mr. Cappelli All ayes. Carried

Mayor's Report

Budget-

We will have a workshop early in March. Getting info from the dept heads by the 1st of March. Budget will be put in excel format.

Department and Committee Reports for Approval

Planning – Nancy Rogan/Greg Cappelli/Gary Palumbo

Motion: by Mr. Bush to approve the report

Second: by Mr. Cappelli All ayes. Carried

Mr. Palumbo stated that he and Kelly Fredrickson have been discussing a few changes in his responsibilities like taking over the signage process the possibility of Village and Town boards recognizing him as zoning officer. Makes sense and before anyone authorizes it we need to meet and discuss with Matt McAndrew and Mayor Burrell and Greg Cappelli volunteered to help. They will report back at next month's meeting.

Engineering

Motion: to accept the engineering by Mr. Cappelli

Second: by Mr. Bush All ayes. Carried

DPW Report

Motion: to accept the DPW report by Mr. Cappelli

Second: by Mr. Lowes All ayes. Carried

Refuse – Ben Slotman

Motion: to award Town and Country the 3 year Refuse Contract by Mr. Cappelli

Second: by Mr. Bush All ayes. Carried

Refuse commercial pick-up. We need to identify the businesses and make the transition and should not be picking up stated Mayor Burrell. Most of businesses pay for a dumpster. Town and Country may be able to help with that added Burrell. We have all seen the garbage on the main streets. Sean Lowes has rented a small dumpster for 21 years and the cost is \$50 a month. He does not feel its right for commercial businesses to use the resident pick-up. We need to figure out who is using and how to get them to pick up their trash. Doug Bush and Ed Imhoff agree that we should not allow commercial pick-up but agree to give them time.

Discuss again at the March meeting and Mayor Burrell said he would call the entire commercial district and report back.

Municipal Ethics/Conflict of Interest-Class

Rich Stanton is looking at April 6th and thinks Village, ZBA and Planning boards should attend and make it mandatory. All virtual. 4:30 till 5:30. Gary Palumbo added that this would help with the 4 hour requirement for planning and zoning and open to the Town.

Old business

Greg Cappelli spoke about village residents calling him and not being able to reach the police department being their phone lines are down. The town dispatch number is 938-2217 938-9191. Changes are on the website and on face book. Or standard 911.

New Business

Request from Holi-Mont junior race program in area would like to do a Carson chicken barbecue the weekend of March 13th and 14th, similar to one in the summer. Sean Lowes commented he feels that the Holi-Mont should keep it on their property. This is not community based like others. All agreed in discussion to keep all fund raisers to community. Mayor Burrell will make the call and shut it down.

Adjournment

Motion: by Mr. Bush to adjourn at 7:40pm.

Second: by Mr. Imhoff All ayes. Carried